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General Session

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Coleen A. Boyle, PhD, MSHyg

Director

National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)

Coleen Boyle serves as Director of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) at CDC. Dr. Boyle joined NCBDDD's Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities in 1988, first as Section Chief and later as Branch Chief and Division Director. In 2001, Dr. Boyle was named the Associate Director for Science and Public Health for CDC's newly created National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD). In October 2004, she was appointed the Director of the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

Before joining CDC in 1984 to work on the Agent Orange studies, Dr. Boyle was a faculty member in epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts, Program in Public Health. As part of the Agent Orange staff, Dr. Boyle served as the principal investigator for the Vietnam Experience mortality studies and as senior epidemiologist for a large, multi-centered cancer case-control study. Her interest and expertise is in the epidemiology and prevention of birth defects and developmental disabilities. She is the recipient of the CDC Charles C. Shepard Award for scientific excellence in 1997 and 2004 and has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed and other scientific publications.

Dr. Boyle received her MSHyg in biostatistics and PhD in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health, and she completed postdoctoral training in epidemiologic methods at Yale University.



Michael R. Fraser, PhD, CAE

Chief Executive Officer

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Michael Fraser, PhD has over 14 years of public health agency and national association experience supporting and serving federal, state, and local public health agencies. Dr. Fraser is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs in Washington, DC. Dr. Fraser has been CEO of AMCHP since August, 2007. In 2009 he received a "Young and Aspiring CEO" award from Association Trends magazine and in 2010 he earned his Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential.

During his tenure, AMCHP has been nationally recognized for its work in supporting state maternal and child health programs, most recently by receiving the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Director's Award in October 2010 and the American Public Health Association's MCH Section "Outstanding Leadership and Advocacy" award in November 2010. Prior to joining AMCHP, Dr. Fraser was the Deputy

Executive Director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) from 2002 to 2007. Prior to that he was a Regional Program Manager with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 2001 to 2002, and a Senior Staff Fellow at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) from 2000 to 2001. Prior to HRSA he was a Senior Research Analyst and Program Manager with NACCHO from 1998 to 2000 and a Research Scientist with Aspen Systems Corporation from 1997 to 1998. Dr. Fraser received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in May 1997 and his M.A. in sociology in 1994. Dr. Fraser received his B.A. in sociology from Oberlin College in 1991.

In 2002 Dr. Fraser received a Distinguished Service Award from Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson for exemplary teamwork, productivity, organization and scientific excellence demonstrated during the public health emergency response to the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks and the anthrax investigation. That same year he also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the CDC Office of the Director for participation in the response to the anthrax events of 2001. In 2001 Dr. Fraser received a Certificate of Appreciation from the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care.

Dr. Fraser has published several research articles and professional publications and is on the adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland's University College. He is an avid student of leadership and believes a good leader is always trying to catch up with his followers. When not at AMCHP he is usually cooking, singing, doing yard work or reading.



Michael Lu, MD

Associate Administrator
Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Health Resources and Services Administration

Michael C. Lu, MD, MPH is the Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health (Maternal and Child Health Bureau Director). He was formerly an associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology and public health at UCLA. Dr. Lu received his bachelor's degrees from Stanford University, master's degrees from UC Berkeley, medical degree from UC San Francisco, and residency training in obstetrics & gynecology from UC Irvine.

He is widely recognized for his research, teaching and clinical care. Dr. Lu received the 2003 Coalition for Excellence in MCH Epidemiology Young Professional Achievement Award, and the 2004 American Public Health Association Young Professional Award for his research on perinatal health disparities. He has served on Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committees on Understanding Prematurity and Committee to Reexamine Pregnancy Weight Guidelines, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Select Panel on Preconception Care. He was Study Location Principal Investigator for the National Children's Study in Los Angeles. He also chaired the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM).

Prior to his appointment at HRSA, Dr. Lu taught obstetrics and gynecology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and maternal and child health at the UCLA School of Public Health. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, including Excellence in Teaching Awards from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Dr. Lu also saw patients at the faculty group practice in

obstetrics and gynecology at UCLA Medical Center, and has been voted one of the Best Doctors in America since 2005.



Wanda D. Barfield, MD, MPH

Captain, U.S. Public Health Service
Director, Division of Reproductive Health
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Wanda Barfield, MD, MPH, is the Director of the Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She oversees the Division's Safe Motherhood Initiative with priority areas to include: chronic disease prevention among women of reproductive age, family planning, maternal mortality and prevention of complications of pregnancy, preterm birth prevention, Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SIDS/SUID) prevention, and unintended pregnancy prevention. Dr. Barfield leads CDC's Winnable Battle on teen pregnancy prevention in collaboration with the HHS-wide President's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. Dr. Barfield is a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service, Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine, and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory School of Medicine, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Her research includes more than 50 peer-review publications in the area of racial disparities in perinatal mortality and early child health services utilization, improving access to risk-appropriate perinatal services, and using longitudinal linked data for program evaluation and policy. She recently received the 2012 Norman J. Siegel Award for Outstanding Science from the American Pediatric Society. Dr. Barfield received her medicine and public health degrees from Harvard University. She completed a pediatrics residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and a neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship at Harvard's Joint Program in Neonatology in Boston. She is a former Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Director who still provides clinical care. She is board-certified in both general pediatrics and neonatal-perinatal medicine.



Ruth Watson Lubic, CNM, EdD, LL.D.

Dr. Ruth Watson Lubic is a nurse midwife, educator, administrator and crusader. Her decades of work transformed the way American women give birth and she has spent her career finding ways to help low-income pregnant women connect to the prenatal care they often cannot receive. In her twenty-five years as Maternity Center Association's (now known as Childbirth Connection) General Director (1970 – 1995), she became a major force in transforming health care for childbearing women and their families. Initially, Childbirth Connection established the controversial East 92nd Street out-of-hospital Childbearing Center (CbC), the first such center in the United States. Notwithstanding enormous difficulty, Childbirth Connection opened a second successful CbC in the southwest Bronx for a largely underserved population.

A movement developed and hundreds of similar CbCs arose across the nation and the world, serving families at all social and economic levels. As important, if not more so, has been the acknowledged impact on conventional birthing practices in hospitals across the country. In 1983, Lubic took on the monumental task of establishing a birth center in Washington, D.C., aimed at reducing the high rate of infant mortality in the poorest areas of the city. Her decision to move her efforts from New York City to Washington, D.C., in one of the city's poorest areas, Wards 5 and 6, stemmed from the fact that Washington's infant mortality rate was twice the national average. In 1993, as the first nurse to receive the MacArthur "Genius" award, she used her grant to launch the birth center. She moved to D.C. in 1994 to continue her work at the birth center, which uses nurse midwives to assist pregnant women through the entire maternity experience, including delivery. She has received honorary degrees and special recognitions from eight universities, more than two dozen awards of merit from across the country, the Rockefeller Public Service Award from Princeton University, the American Public Health Association's Martha May Eliot Award and the Institute of Medicine's Lienhard Award. She was also named a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing. Her most recent Honorary Degree was conferred by the University of Massachusetts Medical School at Worcester in 2009.



Linda A. Randolph, MD, MPH

President and CEO

DC Developing Families Center

Linda A. Randolph is a public health pediatrician and senior executive with over thirty years of experience serving in Federal, state and local governments, academia, private philanthropy and not-for-profit organizations. Dr. Randolph, a native Washingtonian and a 20 year resident of Harlem and Albany, NY, is widely recognized for her leadership, commitment and sensitivity to the complex needs of low-income and underserved populations. She is known for her work to eliminate racial/ethnic disparities in health and building upon the strengths of families and communities to effect health policy. Dr. Randolph is the recipient of numerous awards for her significant contributions in the field of maternal and child health, including the American Public Health Association's prestigious 2001 Martha May Eliot Award, honoring exceptional achievements and 2008 elected membership to the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. She holds several adjunct professor appointments and in 2009 received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from SUNY-Albany. She is a graduate of the Howard University College of Medicine and the School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley.